

REMARKS

Applicant takes this opportunity to express appreciation to the Examiner for clearly listing allowed and allowable subject matter in the present application.

Claims 12-15, 18, 19 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by Chin et al., US Patent No. 5,740,126. Applicant is taking two actions with respect to amendment regarding this rejection. Claim 12 has been amended to reflect a distinction between Applicant's invention and that of Chin et al. Chin et al. includes rotor 50 and stator 45 as well as rotor 50' and stator 45', which rotors and stators are fixedly connected to one another and are different in structure such that they produce different frequencies when spinning with the same turbine. The difference in the frequencies of each rotor-stator pair is not changeable. That is to say that while the frequency of each could go up or down based on fluid flow, one could not change the frequency of rotor-stator pair 50, 45 relative to rotor-stator pair 50', 45', because the two are fixedly attached to one another. In Applicant's invention however, this is adjustable as the Applicant can speed or slow each of its pairs of screen disks. Claim 12, therefore, requires a step of adjusting a difference between these pairs of devices. Such an adjusting step is not possible with Chin et al. and therefore Applicant believes the claim is patentable thereover.

Further, Applicant has amended the claim set of this application to include new claims 23, 24 and 25. Claim 23 corresponds to original claims 12, 15 and 16 as the Examiner indicated that claim 16 was directed to allowable subject matter and that claim depended from claim 15 which depended from claim 12. In view of this combination, Applicant believes claim 23 is allowable. Claim 24 is a copy of claim 17 with the dependency changed to allowable claim 23. Claim 25 is a combination of original claim 22, which was considered allowable by the Examiner and original claim 12. The combination of the allowable limitation from claim 22 with the body of original claim 12 should yield an allowable claim as well, this is claim 25.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit such action from the Examiner.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted amendment, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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